

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 586

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Chris Hampton on his selection as the Kingsport City Schools Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding citizens who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chris Hampton is one such estimable individual, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hampton has been selected as the Kingsport City Schools Principal of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an educator for twenty-four years with Kingsport City Schools, Dr. Chris Hampton has served with acumen and alacrity as the principal of Dobyns-Bennett High School for the last ten years, having previously served as a special education teacher, a school counselor, and an assistant principal at Dobyns-Bennett; and

WHEREAS, a member of the inaugural Aspire Mastermind Group for Excellence in Rural Education through the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Education, Dr. Hampton received a bachelor's degree in special education, master's degree in counseling, and doctorate in educational leadership from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Dr. Hampton was the 2019 recipient of the William J. and Lucille H. Field Award for Excellence in Secondary Principalship for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who has worked assiduously throughout his career in education to motivate his students, teachers, and staff to reach their full potential as scholars, professionals, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hampton serves as an inspiration to the faculty and staff of Dobyns-Bennett High School, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chris Hampton truly epitomizes the dedicated principal who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Chris Hampton on being chosen as the Kingsport City Schools Principal of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.